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VOX POPULI, VOX DEI...

Hunsur Road straightening shelved

Road on Kukkarahalli Lake side to be widened by 200 metres to prevent accidents

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RK&BCT)- The controversial project to straighten the Hunsur Road bend between Kalamandira and Valmiki Road near Jaladarshini Guest House has been dropped following growing opposition to the project that will destroy the heritage ambience of the section of the road. Instead, the stretch of the road from Kukkarahalli Lake side will be widened by 200 metres to prevent accidents.

The Government had sanctioned Rs. 12 crore for the project that aimed at averting accidents on the 450-metre stretch. However, environmental-conscious citizens and several Green Groups had opposed the project as it would destroy at least 100 trees. They also argued that the curve in the road was not the cause for accidents and suggested means to prevent accidents without straightening the road bend.

Green Groups, led by the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) had approached a District Court against the project. Now the Government has decided to shelve the project to pacify public anger. Sources said that the authorities were forced to reconsider their decision to pacify the public anger in an election year.

The Government has now proposed to widen the road by 200 metres on the Kukkarahalli Lake side, giving more space for motorists to negotiate the curve. To implement the new project, over six big trees were chopped off yesterday afternoon. Earlier, 47 trees were marked to be cut for the straightening project, raising the hackles of environmentalists.

(See ROAD on page 18)

Upa Lokayukta visits Hill Temple, directs priests to maintain sanctity

Upa Lokayukta Justice Subhash B. Adi, who held a meeting at Chamundi Hill this morning, is flanked by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and Commissioner of Religious Endowment and Charitable Department C.P. Shylaja.

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RK&BCT)- Upa Lokayukta Justice Subhash B. Adi issued a stern warning to Chamundi Temple priests that legal action will be taken if they do not maintain the sanctity of the holy shrine that is visited by lakhs of devotees every year.

He was chairing a meeting of the temple authorities held at Dasoha Bhavan atop the temple this morning that was attended by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep who is also the Administrative Officer of the Hill Temple, Temple Executive Officer Prasad and Commissioner of Religious Endowment and Charitable Department C.P. Shylaja. Temple Chief Priest Shashishekar Dikshit, Administrative officers from Muzrai Commissioner's office in Bengaluru Latha and Sujatha and Mysuru Muzarai Tahsildar S.N. Yathiraj Sampathkumaran and Agama Shastra Pandit Shivashankar Dikshit.

The meeting was summoned by the Upa Lokayukta following a series of complaints from the devotees regarding the 'mismanagement' of the temple. Devotees had complained that the temple never opened on time and some unauthorised persons were supplying water to the temple from Devikere. The person who is responsible to supply water from Devikere has sub-let the contract and even the priests and 'pariharaks' who are supposed to prepare the Panchamrutha have sub-let the work to others, the complainants alleged.

(See UPALOKAYUKTA on page 18)

Will try to straighten the Road bend, MP contradicts

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (MTY&BCT)- Contradicting the Government's plan to shelve the straightening of the Hunsur Road stretch near Jaladarshini Guest House, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said, "We will try our best to straighten the road and will not allow the money sanctioned for the project to be used for other development works including the widening and asphalting of the road."

His response came when *Star of Mysore* sought his reaction to reports of Government shelving the project and alternatively deciding to widen the stretch from Kukkarahalli Lake side.

"Any development project will have opposition from environmentalists. This steep curve is an accident spot and many people have lost their lives. Only a regular traveller on this road will realise how dangerous it is. Considering this situation, we decided to straighten the road and got a grant of Rs. 12 crore and even performed the ground breaking ceremony," he said.

"Unfortunately, the green activists approached the Court. We will try our best to straighten the road," he said. When his attention was drawn towards the plan of authorities to use the Rs. 12 crore to widen and asphalt the road, he said that the money cannot be diverted as it has to be used for that particular project. "We will take action against officers if the money is diverted," he said.

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Mind *your* language

The world's people, residents of 200 countries, are said to be interacting in about 7,000 languages. Nearly one-fourth of that number is accounted for by the country's present estimated population of 135 crore. The government has accorded the classical language tag to eight languages including Kannada while 22 languages constitute the list of official languages of the country. The policy of *three-language* formula has settled the question of which language should exclusively be accorded priority in the country's administration. While the people residing in rural areas commonly use the region-based language marked by their captive vocabulary, urbanites conversing in at least two languages, including English, is common sight. Formation of States on language basis, with its fall-out on many counts, has its negatives and positives yet to witness an end, acceptable or not across the different sections in the country's population, particularly the literate sections and the rest.

A fear is being expressed in some circles by both littérateurs and those who count in the country's administration that many languages of the land are on the verge of extinction. Some among the scholars have also expressed their disenchantment about the decline in literary works at present times. The influence of cinema in the various languages and also programmes on the small screen has not only contributed to that decline but also has cut into the reading habit of people at large.

Spoken language is having a free run in the life of not only common people but also those in the ruling class — regionally, nationally and globally. Reports in the dailies that groups of people clashed causing injuries and also fatalities for trivial reason have often their origins in using unguarded language by the community. The heavy-weights in Karnataka politics are currently setting bad examples of using language while hurling abuses throwing decency to winds. Both the Nation's Parliament and Legislative Assemblies of States have been witnessing the elected representatives freely exchanging mutually hurting remarks of personal nature.

In short, the nation's adults seem to have turned a blind eye to the wrong signals that the teenagers are getting from them in the matter of adhering to decency of language for both communicating and writing. In this backdrop, the calls being given for preserving the country's languages should rekindle the littérateurs to give a lead to all.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

While the Supreme Court is hearing a case on Aadhaar, it seems this identity card is fast becoming mandatory for journalists who wish to attend press conferences hosted by various Ministries. Or at least to get an entry into one of the various post-Budget interactions of Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Security officials asked for Aadhaar card from reporters at one such. When they showed PIB cards, they were told these were not enough. Finally, the security men did settle for PIB cards, but after a lot of convincing. *— In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

What to say about this ?

Dongguan: A woman traveling from Dongguan, in southern China, recently made international news headlines after climbing into a train station X-ray machine with her luggage, to make sure no one tried to steal it. The unnamed woman reportedly had a lot of money in her bag, so when staff at Dongguan East Railway Station told her that she needed to put into the X-ray machine for scanning, she got on all fours and went through the scanner herself, to make sure it didn't get stolen. A short Pear video gone viral on social media shows the woman speaking with security guards and then leaving the field of view only to emerge on the other side of the X-ray machine a few minutes later. She then casually got off and hurried to catch her train. Still x-ray images obtained by Chinese media show a person in high heels kneeling behind her belongings. "Passengers are warned that not only is this kind of behaviour forbidden, but also that the radiation from the machine is incredibly harmful to human health," an article in the People's Daily newspaper said.

"Baby Factory Dad"

Tokyo: Mitsutoki Shigeta, the heir of a wealthy Japanese businessman, was recently awarded sole custody of 13 children he fathered through surrogate mothers in Thailand. Dubbed the "baby factory dad", 28-year-old Shigeta is believed to be the father of at least 17 children, all conceived through surrogacy.

The "baby factory" scandal began in 2014, when Thai authorities stormed the Bangkok apartment of Japanese millionaire Mitsutoki Shigeta, where they found nine surrogate babies, each accompanied by a nanny, living in mostly unfurnished rooms and surrounded by playpens and baby bottles. DNA tests showed that Shigeta was the father of all nine children, as well as four others not living in the apartment. They had all been delivered by surrogate mothers that the Japanese national had paid between $9,300 and $12,500 each. Shigeta, who left Thailand shortly after the raid, raised suspicions of human trafficking at the Thai clinic he used to find surrogate mothers.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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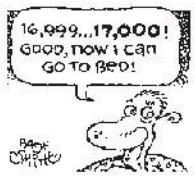

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CSI Fellowship Awardee

Dr. Sangameshwara

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (KS) - Dr. B.G. Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, was conferred the CSI Fellowship Award by the Computer Society of India (CSI) at the 52nd CSI Annual Convention held recently at the Science City auditorium in Kolkata.

The award was presented to him for his outstanding contributions to the society in the field of Information Technology.

Dr. Sangameshwara, a senior Life-Member of CSI, had earlier served as the Principal of SJCE, Mysuru and has more than three decades of rich experience in establishing higher educational institutions of engineering in the country and abroad.

Columbia Asia 10k Challenge Run tomorrow

International Marathon Runner Jaisha to flag off the event

Mysuru, Feb.24- The Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, in association with Sports and Beyond, is organising a 10km Challenge Run with the theme 'Give way to save life' tomorrow (Feb.25).

The event will be flagged off at Centenary Clock Tower in Manasagangothri premises at 6 am.

International Marathon Runner O.P. Jaisha, who took part in the Rio Olympics representing India, will join hands with Columbia Asia Hospital's campaign which aims to increase awareness among the citizens to give way to the ambulance in emergency and will flag off the race.

Jaisha is the current National Record holder in the marathon event in the women's section. She achieved a timing of 2hr:34.43s in the 2015 World

Championships in Beijing in the marathon event.

Patients of Columbia Asia who have gone through joint replacement, Open heart surgery and other major surgeries will be part of this run and will be honoured separately. The run will have three categories — 10k timed run, 5k open run and a focused 3k run for the kids of today and future citizens of the country.

Really...?

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VOICE OF THE READER

Foreign tourists harassed
by walk-along vendors

Sir,

For tourists it's more important how they feel when they are holidaying, rather than what places they are visiting. I have seen many times that the unofficial (unwanted) tourist guides or vendors (read flute vendors) try persuading to buy their goods to a menacing extent, specially to foreigners from western countries that they are wholly disturbed and busy avoiding them rather than enjoying the sites. It's one area where our Tourism Department needs to check. It's not going to be a one-time process but a continuous effort to stop this menace.

—A concerned Mysurean

Mysuru 20.2.2018

Science Theatre Fest: Poster release

Mysuru, Feb.24- Mysore Science Theatre Festival-2018 will be organised at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises from Mar. 9 to 11, under the aegis of Parivarthana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Trust.

Poster release for the same will be done by MDJA President C.K. Mahendra at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar today (Feb.24) at 6 pm.

Jewellery Show at Malabar Gold, Mandya

Mine and Precia Jewellery Show was inaugurated at Malabar Gold and Diamonds showroom in Mandya on Feb.22 by Ann. Gayatri *(second from left),* ***President, Inner Wheel Club of Mandya. The show will be held till Feb.26 where varieties of jewellery in diamond and precious stones are showcased. Others seen are*** *(from right)* ***Sharafuddeen, Store Head-Mysuru, Rakshita Karthik, Sameeksha Guru and Dileep Hegde, Store Incharge-Mandya.***

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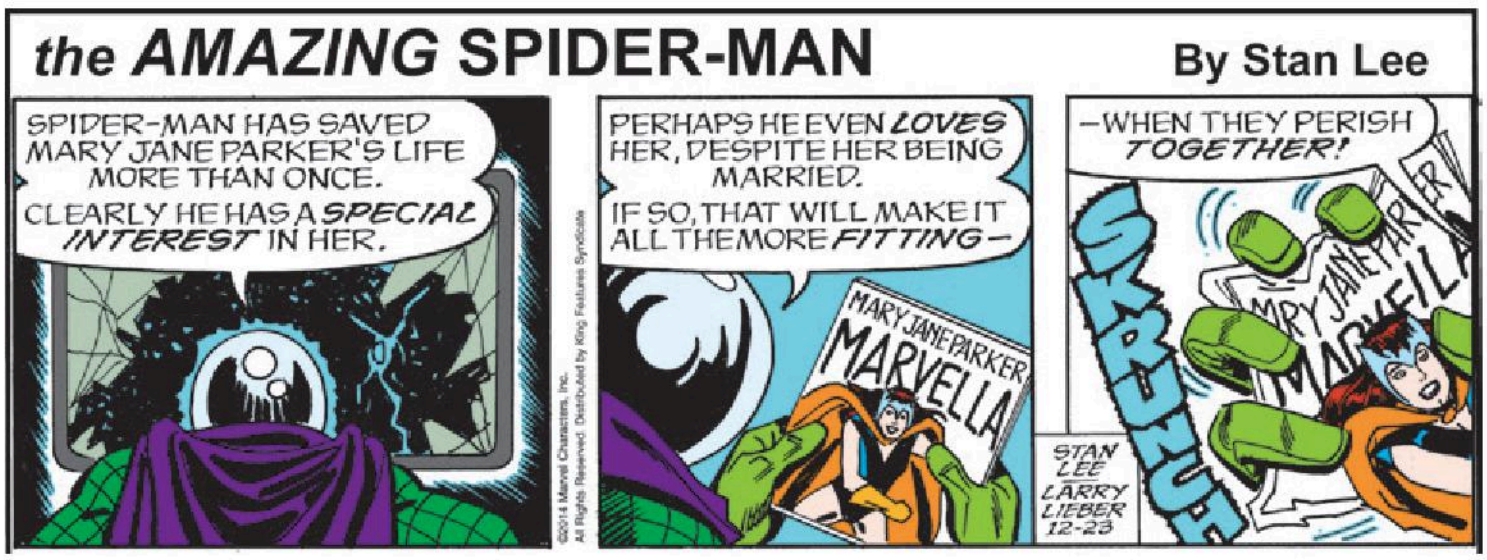
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NEWS BRIEFS

MUDA site allottees list announced

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has published the final list of allottees, 38 sites under 'H' category in Lalithadrinagar (South), 14 sites in Lalithadrinagar (North) and two sites in Chamalapura, at its website: www.mudamysore.gov.in

Donation of air beds

Helping Hands under "Health Project" will be donating two air beds to Cheluvamba Hospital (children's ward) on Feb.27 at 2 pm. The bed is sponsored by Krishnamurthy.

Free Workshop

Ramanujan School of Mathematics and Science (RSMS), Mysuru, has organised a free Career Guidance and Study Skills workshop for those taking up 1st PU Science combination (PCMB/E/CS) examinations from Mar. 1 at 6 pm at its premises on D. Subbaiah Road, Chamaraja Mohalla in city. For details and registration, contact D.S. Manjunath, Director on Mob: 96208-38382.

Get ration cards online

The Food & Civil Supplies Department has launched a ration card issuance drive in the city until Mar.11 (barring public holidays). Ration cards will be issued instantly to those who have applied online. However, the online applicants must produce a copy of the online application, income certificate and Aadhaar card.

Calling failed diploma students

The last chance for failed diploma students of JSS Polytechnic, who studied as per C-03 syllabus introduced in 2003, to clear their subjects is the semester exam to be conducted in April / May. The students can remit exam fee of Rs.1,000 and appear for the exam. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548318 or Mob: 96866-77237.

Skill training

Sri Lakshmi Women's Training Institution is conducting skill development training for women in fashion designing, beautician, tailoring and spoken english. Also, job opportunity will be provided. Interested may contact No.39/1, Theobald Road, Nazarbad, Mysuru-10. For details, contact Mob: 99452-90302 or 99459-88284.

Excels in Karate

R. Vinyas, a 6th standard student of Rotary Brindavan School in city, won 3rd place in State-level Karate competition organised by Naga Martial Arts Academy, Mysuru.

Chamundeshwari Temple to distribute prasadam to devotees in the morning and evening too

Mysuru, Feb.24 (NNN)- Devotees and visitors to the Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill, who are served prasadam every afternoon at the Dasoha Bhavan, will now be served prasadam both in the morning and evening from Mar.1. Till now, only lunch was being served.

This decision was taken at a meeting of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Administration Board chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Administrative Officer of the Board D. Randeep, here recently. The prasadam will be distributed from 7.30 am to 10 am and from 7.30 pm to 9 pm.

The menu for the prasadam from Monday to Sunday in the morning and evening include Vegetable Upma and Kesari Bath on Mondays, Khara Pongal and Sweet Pongal on Tuesdays, Bisi Bele Bath and Kesari Bath on Wednesdays, Avalakki Upma and Sweet Avalakki on Thursdays, Vegetable Bath and Jaggery Rice on Fridays, Vangibath and Sajjige on Saturdays and Tomato Bath and Jaggery Rice on Sundays. The meeting also decided to serve clean and tasty snacks so that there will not be any scope for complaints, according to a press release from the Deputy Commissioner's Office.

Besides directing the officials to serve quality food to the devotees, the DC has instructed them to depute two security personnel at the entrance of the Dasoha Bhavan to ensure that only devotees and tourists are allowed inside. He has stated that local residents of Chamundi Hill village and shop-keepers should not be allowed.

He has also directed the officials to install CCTV cameras at the kitchen, *ladoo* preparation place, dining hall, entrance and queues to maintain transparency.

Only one 'Mangalarathi Thatte' at Hill Temple

Mysuru, Feb.24- Temple priests and priests at the Sanctum Sanctorum (paricharaks) of the Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Hill must use only one 'Mangalarathi Thatte' (plates where devotees offer money) instead of the earlier practice of using two thattes.

This decision was taken at a meeting of the members of the Religious Endowment and Charitable Department, Bengaluru and Principal of Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysuru, recently, according to a press release from C.P. Shylaja, Commissioner, Religious Endowment and Charitable Department.

In the meeting, held as per the instruction of the Commissioner, both the 'archaks' and 'paricharaks' have agreed to do away with the two 'mangalarathi' plates. Due to a rift between the 'archaks' and 'paricharaks', there was a system of having two plates since some time, for separate collection of 'dakshina'.

It may be recalled that the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner had suspended a priest, Srinivasan, for keeping a 'mangalarathi' plate above the offering box (hundi), hindering the devotees from putting the offerings into the hundi.

RENOVATION

The Endowment Department has also proposed additional funds for the renovation and conservation of eight temples under the Palace Board, including the Chamundeshwari temple.

The proposal includes a grant of Rs. 45 lakh for Sri Shwethavarahaswamy temple, Rs. 18 lakh for Prasanna Krishna temple, Rs. 8.5 lakh for Sri Anjaneya and Ganapathi temples, Rs. 16 lakh for Sri Chandramouleshwara temple, Rs. 68 lakh for Sri Bhuvaneshwari temple, Rs. 77 lakh for Sri Gayathridevi temple, and Rs. 84 lakh for Sri Trineshwara Temple in the premises of Mysore Palace.

The first phase of the conservation works on Sri Shwethavarahaswamy temple and Sri Gayathridevi temple have already completed and this proposal is for the second phase of works.

Writer Vijaya Dabbe passes away

Vijaya Dabbe

Mysuru, Feb.24- Noted Kannada writer and Woman Rights activist Vijaya Dabbe passed away here yesterday following cardiac arrest. She was 66.

Vijaya, who was ailing for sometime, came to Mysuru to stay with her younger sister Chayadevi in Vijayanagar first stage a couple of days ago.

As she complained of uneasiness in breathing last evening, she was rushed to a private hospital, where she was declared brought dead.

Vijaya, born on June 1, 1951 at Dabbe village in Belur taluk of Hassan district, wrote a lot on feminism, while serving as a Professor at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) of University of Mysore (UoM).

A recipient of Kannada Rajyotsava Award and Attimabbe, Anupama and Karnataka Sahitya Academy awards among others, she has to her credit over 15 literary works and 70 articles.

Her notable works include *Tirugi Nintha Prashne* (1995), *Naari Daari Diganta* (1977), *Iruttave* (1975), *Neeru-Lohada Chinte* (1985), *Nayasena, Nagachandra - Ondu Adhyayana'* and '*Hitaishiya Hejjegalu.'*

She had done extensive research on the first generation of women writers of modern Kannada.

She was an active member of Samata, a women's group in Mysuru and played a keyrole in mobilising women activists at a time when Farmer and Dalit Movements had gained momentum.

Vijaya reportedly lost her memory two decades ago when she met with a road accident in the city. She is survived by six sisters and two brothers. Her last rites were held today (Feb.24) at her native village Dabbe, according to family sources.

Mono-acting Fest from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.24 (AVR&US)- Mysuru, Feb.24- Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe has organised five-day Moto-acting Festival in memory of Thinker Prof. Kikkeri Narayan at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises in city from Feb.25 to Mar.1.

Socialist P. Mallesh will inaugurate the festival and also a seminar on 'Janapara Nataka Pradarshanagala Avashyakate mattu Anivarya' at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on Feb.25 at 11 am. Thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara will preside. Theatre Director Prof. S.R. Ramesh will speak on the seminar topic.

The plays to be enacted daily at 6.30pm are: **Feb.26:** 'Vaidehi' by B.S. Dinamani; **Feb.27:** 'Godse' by Manju R. Upadhyaya; **Feb.28:** Staging of play 'Nane Gandhi' followed by release of the book 'Godse mattu Gandhi'; **Mar.1:** 'Nirakarane' by B.S. Dinamani. Each play will be of 1 hour 15 minutes duration.

Obituary

Lakshmamma

Mysuru, Feb.24- Lakshmamma (93), a resident of K.R. Mill Colony in the outskirts of the city, passed away yesterday.

Her husband Gurumurthy Gowda had predeceased her.

She leaves behind three sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at K.R. Mill Colony burial grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

G.N. Ramesh

Gundlupet, Feb.24- G.N. Ramesh (53), who was serving as an Office Assistant at JSS Arts and Commerce College in Gundlupet, passed away here on Thursday night following brief illness. He was a resident of Kurubageri in the town. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed in the town yesterday.

Minister inaugurates Silver Jubilee of All India Milli Council in city

Minister Tanveer Sait, who inaugurated the Silver Jubilee celebrations of All India Milli Council (AIMC) at Hotel Regenta in city this morning, is seen addressing the gathering. Others seen are Saleem Ahmed, Special Representative; Md. Obaidulla Shariff, Chief Editor, Daily Pasban; *Dr. Manzoor Alam, General Secretary, AIMC, New Delhi; Hazrath Moulana Hakeem Abdulla Mughaisi, President, AIMC; Moulana Abdul Aleem Qasmi, Vice-President, AIMC; Moulana Yaseen Usmani, Vice-President, AIMC and Hazrath Moulana Syed Mustafa Rifayee Geelani Saheb.*

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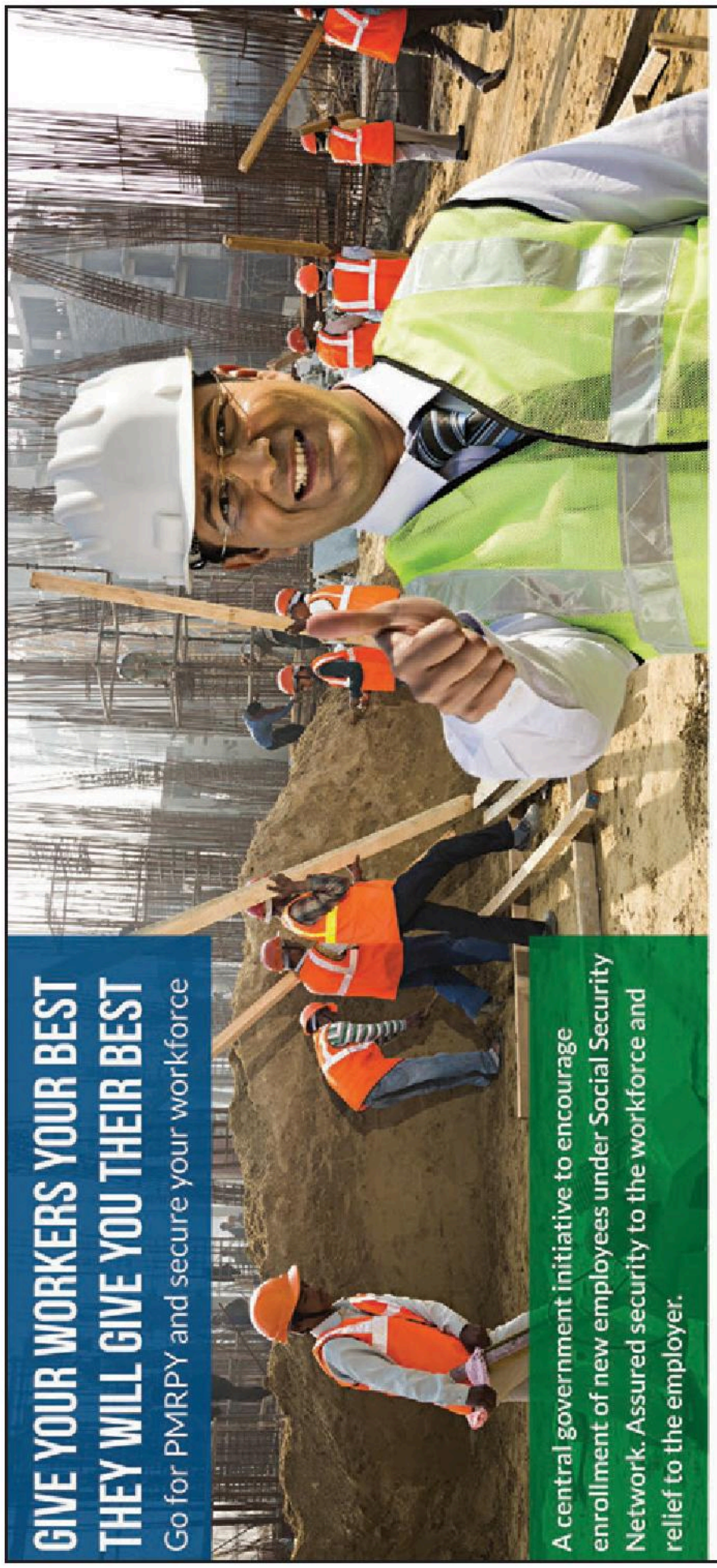
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Sewing machines distribution by MCC

Women beneficiaries return empty-handed; Alleged internal squabble in MCC

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RKB&US)- An alleged internal squabble in MCC resulted in women beneficiaries returning home empty-handed and disappointed without getting the assured sewing machines.

The Poverty Eradication Cell of MCC had asked 989 women beneficiaries to collect the sewing machines at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry here this morning to be distributed by Mayor Bhagyavathi at 10 am.

A lot of women from far off places had come on time. Bhagyavathi too reportedly came at 10.30 am and left in a hurry to come back again at 11.30 am but did not distribute the sewing machines. When *SOM* asked Bhagyavathi about the issue, she just said that the Standing Committee was unaware of the event.

However, MCC Additional Commissioner Ravindra contended that only documentations was being done today and the sewing machines would be distributed at the Zonal Offices at a later date.

In the bargain, the hapless women returned fuming with despair for no fault of theirs.

It remained a mystery as to why the sewing machines were not distributed.

Rahul Gandhi arrives for second leg tour of State

Rahul Gandhi

Bengaluru, Feb.24- AICC President Rahul Gandhi arrived at Belagavi this afternoon to take part in the three-day second leg of *'Jan Aashirwad Yatra'* in the State.

Rahul Gandhi will hold a public meeting at Athani in Belagavi district, following which he will take part in Sthree Shakti Samavesha at Tikota in Vijayapur district.

On Sunday, Rahul will tour Vijayapur and Bagalkot districts and on Monday (Feb.26), Bagalkot, Belagavi and Dharwad districts.

Amit Shah to arrive this evening: Even as Congress Chief Rahul Gandhi arrived to take part in the 3-day tour of Northern Karnataka (Mumbai-Karnataka) district, BJP National President Amit Shah is scheduled to arrive in the State this evening to tour Hyderabad-Karnataka districts. He will tour Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Vijayapura and Bidar on Feb.25 and 26.

Pramoda Devi writes to Govt. for transfer of Baby Betta land

Mandya, Feb.24 (Nagaiah& BCT)- Member of the erstwhile royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has written to the Government about Baby Betta land in Pandavapura taluk in Mandya district asking the authorities to issue Khatha in her name as it is a private property belonging to Wadiyar family.

In a letter written on Feb.23, addressed to Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, the copy of which is available with *Star of Mysore*, Pramoda Devi has said that the Khatha has to be issued in respect of Survey Number 1, Amruthamahal Kaval (Baby Betta).

"I draw your attention to the RTC pertaining to the said property which stands in the name of Amruthamahal Kaval - Mysuru Samsthanada Maharaja. Further, the said property forms the part of the list of private properties of the Maharaja of Mysuru as on 26.01.1950. This confirms that it is private property," she has stated.

"I write to bring to your kind notice that I had requested the Tahsildar Pandavapura to issue Khatha in my name in respect of Survey No.1 Amruthamahal Kaval, Chinakurali Hobli. Pandavapura vide letter dated October 18, 2017. Further, I addressed a letter on 29/12/2017 to the Deputy Commissioner Mandya with regard to this issue," she has stated in the letter.

"Meanwhile, I learnt from the media reports that illegal activities are happening in our property mentioned above and I therefore request you to kindly instruct the Tahsildar to issue Khatha in my name and oblige. The copies of the reinvent documents are enclosed herewith for your ready reference," she stated.

As per records, the Amruthamahal Kaval lands comprises of 1,623 acres. Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar (Pramoda Devi's late father-in-law) had many private properties in his possession and the Amruthamahal in Mandya district was also one of them. After an amendment to the Indian Constitution in the year 1971, the special powers enjoyed by the royal family were withdrawn. However, the rights to enjoy their private properties remained.

After the demise of her husband Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar in 2013, Pramoda Devi is managing all the properties and hence according to her, Baby Betta should be transferred to her name and the documents provided.

Gauri Lankesh murder: Police deny media reports, say no arrests made

Gauri Lankesh

Bengaluru/ Mandya, Feb. 24 (BCT&NG)- Rebuffing reports in the media, the Bengaluru Police late yesterday night clarified that no arrests were made in connection with the murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead in September 2017.

Reports by news channels and print media had claimed that K.T. Naveen and Hotte Manja, members of Hindu Yuva Sena at Maddur near Mandya, were identified as masterminds by the Bengaluru Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT) and were taken into custody last evening. Reports said that the arrests were made when the duo was on a tour in Chikkamagalur. Naveen had allegedly posted comments on social media justifying Gauri's murder and the SIT had kept an eye on him. However, the Police have refuted the news report and called it 'false,' mentioning that no arrests have been made.

"Based on the information, we made the sketches. We want co-operation from people, so we have released the sketches of the suspects," said B.K. Singh, who is heading the SIT.

The Police said that there are two suspects and sketches were similar because they were made by two artists based on different eyewitness accounts. The SIT had in October last year released sketches of the suspects. However, the development was no breakthrough as the team could not produce more details of the killers or their affiliation. The younger brother of Gauri, Indrajit Lankesh, being dissatisfied with the investigation, announced in January that he would approach the Karnataka High Court demanding a probe by the CBI.

Gauri Lankesh was a Bengaluru-based activist, and the editor of tabloid *Gauri Lankesh Patrike*. She was killed after unidentified men shot at her, from close range, outside her residence in Rajarajeshwari Nagar on Sept. 5 last year.

Security Guard murdered with cement brick

Mysuru, Feb.24 (RK&NNN)-A security guard was brutally murdered by using cement brick in Railway Layout last night (Feb.23).

The unfortunate victim is Puttamadappa alias Madashetty (60), a resident of Kumbarakoppal, near Mahadeshwara Temple. He was working as a security guard at a house nearing completion belonging to one Gopinath in Railway Layout, near Surya Bakery on First Main, 4th Cross.

Yesterday around 7.30 pm, Puttamadappa was inhumanly killed with a cement brick. His head was completely smashed and brain had spilled out. Public in the area are shocked that the murder took place in a very crowded area.

Passersby who had seen Puttamadappa pushing his cycle and going with another person informed the Police. It is suspected that a wordy duel might have ensued between the two which might have led to fraying of tempers resulting in his murder.

On hearing about the murder, DCP Dr. N. Vishnuvardhana, N.R. Police Sub Division ACP Umesh G. Shet, Metagalli Police Inspector Sunil Kumar and staff reached the spot and conducted mahazar. The body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. Vijayanagar Police have registered a case. The Police are trying to look out for the person who was with the victim. Puttamadappa leaves behind two daughters and a son.

Nalapad bail plea hearing adjourned to Feb.26

Bengaluru, Feb.24- The bail plea hearing of Mohammed Nalapad Haris, son of N.A. Haris, Congress MLA, was adjourned to Saturday (today) by the Sessions Court yesterday, while granting time for the prosecution to file more objections till Monday (Feb.26). Mohammed Nalapad and six others have been accused of brutally assaulting L. Vidvat at a restaurant on Saturday night.

While filing objections, the Public Prosecutor submitted that the Police are yet to record Vidvat's statement as he is still undergoing treatment for severe injuries at Mallya Hospital. Nalapad's advocate, while filing objections, said the assault case has been hyped owing to the political background of the accused.

Obituary

C. Ramachandra Singh

Mysuru, Feb.24- C. Ramachandra Singh, retd. Professor and Deputy Director of the Department of Kannada & Culture, Mysuru, passed away at his residence on Ramanuja Road here this morning.

He leaves behind two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed after his son returns from America.

26th Anniversary of Music School

Mysuru, Feb.24-Ganabharathi School of Music and Dance is celebrating its 26th anniversary tomorrow (Feb. 25) at its premises in Kuvempunagar at 4 pm. Senior Doctor and Philanthropist Dr. P.H.R.Setty will inaugurate the celebrations.

Dr.A. Pushpa Iyengar, former Member of Sangeeth Natak Academy and P.M. Siddaraju, Police Inspector, Ashokapuram Police Station, will be the chief guests. Dr. C.G.Narasimhan, President, Ganabharathi, will preside.

Nartana Namana and book release

Mysuru, Feb.24- Raasavrunda in association with Gaanabharathi will present Nartana Namana on Feb.26 at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar at 6.30 pm.

On this occasion a book titled *Abhinaya Darpana: Ordu Vicharapatha*, authored by Vidu. Nandini Eswer will be released. Noted art patron and industrialist K.V. Murthy will be the chief guest. Guru Vidu. A.S. Padma, Retired staff artiste of All India Radio and Dr. R. Radha, Physician and Child Specialist, will be the guests of honour.

The book release will be followed by a lecture-demonstration on *Abhinayadarpana*. Lecture-demo is supported by Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Pavan Ramachandra and Raveendra Hegde.

Rank holders in Abacus

Mysuru, Feb. 24-The following students of St. Marina's English School in N.R. Mohalla, who participated in the State Level Abacus competition, have bagged ranks. While **Syeda Shafiya**, a 9th standard student, has bagged the 1st rank in level-8, C-4 and an Achievement Certificate **Syed Sameer** of 7th standard secured 4th rank in level-5, C-5. They are the children of Syed Khalid, a flower merchant and Reshma Sultana, residents of Mandi Mohalla.

Preparations for fourth International Yoga Day in June

Mysuru, Feb.24 (NNN)- Mysuru created a Guinness World Record during the third International Yoga Day with a maximum gathering of yoga enthusiasts at the Mysuru Race Course (MRC) last year.

With an aim to better this record, the District Administration is going all out to make preparations for the fourth International Yoga Day to be held on June 21, 2018.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep in an appeal has asked the yoga enthusiasts, yoga schools and all organisations involved in yoga to start preparing for the big day like last year in which 54,101 people participated to break the world record. A committee has also been formed in this regard, according to a press release from the DC.

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31st March, 2018

Income Tax Department has identified a large number of persons who have **not filed Income Tax Returns for A.Y. 2016-17 and 2017-18**, although, they have made high value transactions/deposited large amount of cash in bank accounts.

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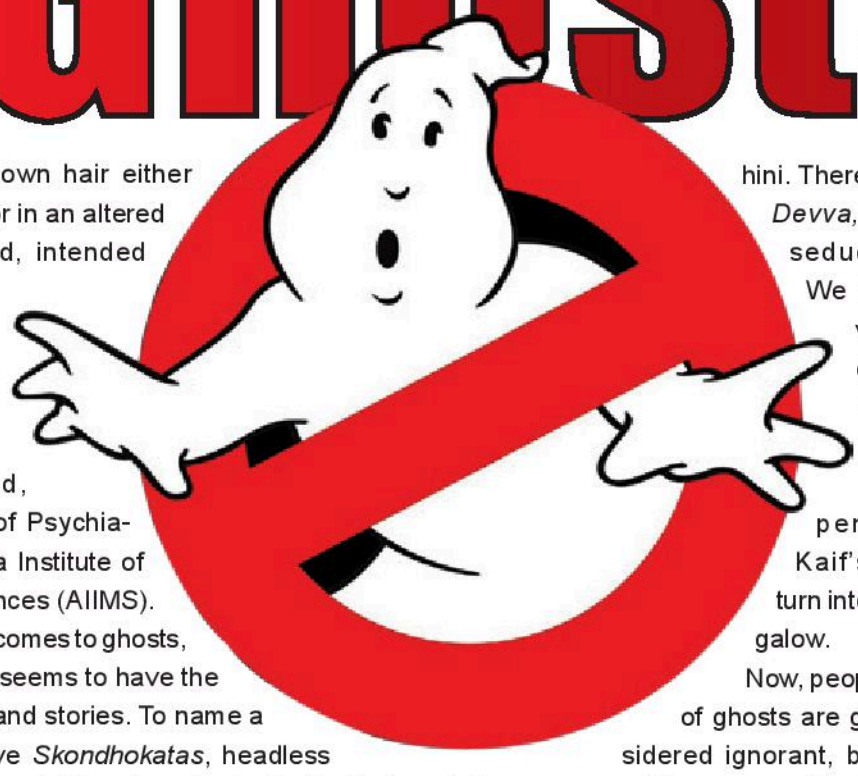
In Love with Ghosts



They say no one can scare an Indian politician, not even the Gods. But it seems Ghosts can! Remember, former Bihar Health Minister Tej Pratap Yadav, son of Lalu Prasad Yadav, vacated his government bungalow calling it "haunted" and accusing his political rivals of "letting out ghosts"? Well, now we have another haunting, but this house cannot be vacated as it's the Rajasthan Assembly.

Yesterday, law-makers in Rajasthan wanted Speaker of the House to complete the proceedings before noon because the House was haunted and they were planning a purification ritual!

A few of the Rajasthan law-makers even accused ghosts of abetting the murder of their colleagues! They said two MLAs had died in a span of 6 months because of the "bad spirits" in the House.

Some of them implied that the government is responsible for the haunting because, a part of the Assembly is built on an old cremation ground. Now the Rajasthan CM is expected to perform a *yajna* to vacate the illegal residents.

But this is not the first time a government arm has had ghost problems. Many may remember in 2014 in our own city, a court hall was locked up fearing it was haunted by the spirit of the Judge, who was holding court there. The Judge had recently died in a road accident.

Soon people started calling this court room as 'ghost room'. In fact, a group of lawyers had even released a press note condemning rumours and suspected that some mischief-mongers were trying to sully the good name of the deceased Judge.

Unable to get people into the room, astrologers were consulted. They suggested that the court hall remain locked till special pujas were performed to vacate the ghost Judge. The hall was locked up for 4 years and only opened 4 months ago!

Sometimes people use ghost as an excuse or to seek attention. Last year in Uttar Pradesh Police launched a search for 'barber ghost'. They did this after dozens of women reported waking up to find their hair cut off. Later it turned out women were cutting their own hair either consciously or in an altered state of mind, intended to seek attention according to Dr. Sudhir Khandelwal, former Head, Department of Psychiatry at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

But when it comes to ghosts, West Bengal seems to have the most variety and stories. To name a few, they have *Skondhokatas*, headless ghosts; *Brahmodaittyo,* the ghost of a Brahmin who is helpful but rude; *Shakchunnis,* ghosts of married women who wear clinking bangles; *Petnis,* women who died with unfulfilled desires. There is even a skull-capped Muslim ghost named *Mamdo.* They also have a fish ghost which steals fish called *Mechho* bhoot.

In South India, the most popular ghost is Mohini. In Karnataka, we call it Mohini *Devva.* She is a female *devva* (ghost) who is usually found wandering along lonely stretches of road. It is believed women who commit suicide without having found a romantic partner or experiencing physical pleasure return as Mohini to find romance and pleasure. The only way a man can ward off this evil spirit is to spit three times on the ground or look away from her. But if you look at her you will be bewitched and then you will start withering away, growing thin and finally die spitting blood.

This story sounds like an awareness campaign — you meet a seductive woman on a highway, she seduces you, you make love to her, then you die spitting blood — sounds like it's a message for lorry drivers and horny highway warriors — beware of AIDS.

Unfortunately, there is no male version of Mohini. There is no Mohan *Devva,* a man who seduces women. We bet all men would love to die and become Mohan *Devva.* If that happens, Katrina Kaif's house will turn into a bhoot bungalow.

Now, people who speak of ghosts are generally considered ignorant, but in Mysuru Infosys campus it is rumoured that Hostel Number 79 is haunted. A rumour obviously started by modern tech-minds.

This rumour not only spread amongst Infosys employees but split over to the cyber world. So much so that Infosys Mysuru campus Hostel Number 79 is named on a list titled '10 haunted places in India'!

Whether you believe in ghosts or not, you love a ghost story. The point is ghost stories are exciting and gives us an adrenalin rush. It's like watching a horror film, screaming with fear and then when it's over we feel a sense of relief and happiness to go back to our normal horror-free lives.

Fear is a exhilarating in small doses. Be it a thrilling ride on a roller coaster or a ghost story. This could be because it allows us to be pure like a child for a moment. See infants don't have the concept of fear. You play peek-a boo, they laugh; they don't get scared.

Also it is nice to think that our loved ones have not completely left us. It is comforting to know that they are there "in Spirit". It also brings about a sense of immortality when you believe that you could live beyond your death even if it is a fishy ghost or Mohini. Best would be as Mohan !!

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 24th February 2018

Escape to Explore

Trekking has become a popular trend and a picnic-sort of an activity these days. Mysuru and surrounding areas, which have several picnic spots and beautiful nature nearby, is something that needs to be explored. This *Weekend Star Supplement* focuses on some of the favourite trekking spots in and around Mysuru and also introduces readers to 'Tarzan of Nagalapuram' Radhakrishna Murthy, who has done over 75 treks so far.

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Paths less traversed and roads not taken

By V. Shourabh

With 9 to 5 kind of jobs on the rise, many youngsters turn towards seeking adventure to move away from the busy city life and venture into the roads less travelled. While work will fill the belly, adventure will fill one's souls. Weekend trekking plans - after a hectic week at work - is something that will help one set his/ her mind off the humdrum of life and breathe a whiff of fresh air.

Trekking guides, trekking event planners, solo travellers or solo trekkers have been on the rise to experience the trek as well as the majestic view from summits. Many individuals, who are still caught in the cobweb of life where they grind their energy and time and invest it to earn their livelihood, can sometimes take a break or two and venture out in the nature and be a part of such treks.

There are several adventure clubs and environment enthusiasts in Mysuru that conduct treks and activities over the year. People's Tree is a group that creates Awareness on environment and teaches importance of living life beside nature, away from mobiles and gadgets. Trekking has become a popular trend and a picnic-sort of an activity. Mysuru and surrounding areas, which has several picnic spots and beautiful nature nearby, is something that needs to be explored.

City trekkers speak...

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Shivashankar, who runs **People's Tree**, says, "We generally go to treks in the Western Ghats of Karnataka and Kerala, Eastern Ghats of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. We want to teach students about the environment and how to keep it clean and enjoy nature."

SPAN Adventure Club which completes 25th year this 2018, organises treks to Himalayan camps, Uttarakhand, Everest Base camps especially for students falling in the age group of 10-17 years and train them about life skills and survival instincts.

Other adventure clubs include **International Academy of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (IAMAS)** andTiger Adventure Foundation. **The Tiger Adventure Foundation** is headed by D.S.D. Solanki and concentrates mainly on Himalayan Trekking expeditions.

The Foundation has done various programmes like Himalayan expedition in Saurkundi Pass, Rumtu Top, Chanderkhani Pass, Stok and Kangri, Goechela Pass, Kedarkanta, Brighu Lake, Hampta Pass, Chandertal, Friendship Peak, The Silent Heroes and Tunda Bhuja.

The Foundation has done various programmes like archery for the visually challenged and speech and hearing impaired and has taken visually challenged kids for trekking in Kunti Betta and Chamundi Hill several times.

N. Shankara Subramanya of **IAMAS** says that his organisation has been conducting trekking and escapades in Mysuru since the last 15 years. "We specialise in rock climbing expeditions and every year we conduct over 10 to 12 treks," he says and adds that IAMAS conducts many trekking programmes for physically challenged and tribal children.

THADIYANDAMOL

Thadiyandamol is one of the most famous trekking places situated in the dense tropical rain forests of Western Ghats and Shola forests in the Kodagu district. Trek enthusiasts and nature lovers ensure that they trek at least once during a year to this scenic abode which is situated at an altitude of 5,735 feet above sea level. This is the third highest peak in Karnataka after Mullayanagiri and Kudremukha.

This trek is moderately difficult and even amateur trekkers will enjoy the journey up to the top and back. The distance of trekking is about 16 kilometres. At the foothill is a historical landmark — The Nalaknadu Palace, which was built in 1792 by Dooda Veerarajendra and Padi Igguthappa Temple of Kodavas.

Kakkabe can be used as the base camp for the trek as many people start the trek from here. While others catch a transport to Nalaknadu Palace which is three kilometres from the base camp and start the trek from there.

There are roads that lead you to the trekking trail of the Thadiyandamol Hill. Trekkers will see a waterfall and several streams along the course of the trek. The hill has a rich biodiversity of flora and butterflies and insects. Lush green grasslands and horizons in the sky give a euphoric touch to the trek. Food stalls are placed near the base camp (Kakkabe) and near a big rock (during the course of the trek where people usually pitch tents or stand on it to get a view of the beautiful hill).

Being a one-day trek, many working class people visit this place during holidays and weekends. This trek can be done all round the year but one needs to be prepared during monsoon as it will have gusty and cold winds and leeches all over. Trekkers should also be careful while camping as there will be movements of elephants in the forest. This is definitely a must visit trek spots as it will give you an idea of adventure, nature, biodiversity and will motivate you to conquer harder treks in the future. If you are not in a group then public transport will be economical. Entry fee should be paid to Forest Department. Night stay is prohibited at the summit.

How to REACH

Thadiyandamol is about 130 kilometres from Mysuru. The best way to reach Kodagu is to catch a bus from Mysuru, which will take about three hours. Bike enthusiast can drive from Mysuru too. An evening bus journey will be ideal so that you crash in one of the home stays there. An early morning drive to the foothill to start the trek will ensure that you get good glimpse of the sunrise and the melodious early songs of birds.

NISHANI MOTTE

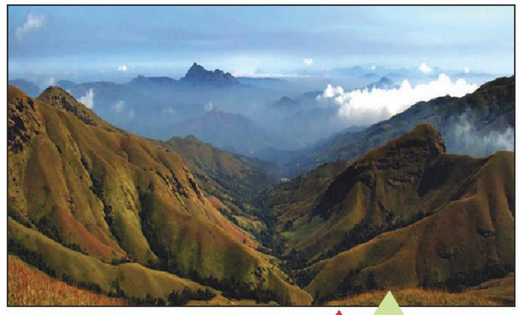
Nishani Motte, Sannapulikotu, is a wildlife circuit trek which falls under the tranquillity of Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary of Kodagu District. Nishani Betta is a relatively unknown peak near Galibeedu which is 12 kms from Madikeri. This trek is through the wild jungles and needs to be accompanied by Forest officials or recognized guides. They will marshal the troop through the thick forest and will know the pattern of animal movements along the course. Prior to the trek, permission needs to be taken from the Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary which houses many wild species and has varieties of trees.

So the trek needs to be planned well in advance. The trek is about 16 to 18 kilometres along the stretch of Brahmagiri ranges. It is better to stay overnight at a home stay amidst the coffee plantation and head for the trek in the early hours.

The trail has several long trees and vegetation and the summit is at an altitude of 4,100 feet. The rain forest is filled with damp soil, leeches, and insects making it a challenging and worthy experience for a lifetime. Fresh elephant dung can be seen at places and scattered bamboos is an indication that the elephant herd passed by. And if you are destined, you will be able to witness the wild beasts.

The trek can also be started from Talacauvery which is about 10 kilometres from Bhagamandala. The trek starts with a jeep ride, where only official Forest Department jeeps can run. The jeep ride will go past a forest watch tower and then within a couple of minutes the forest trail will begin.

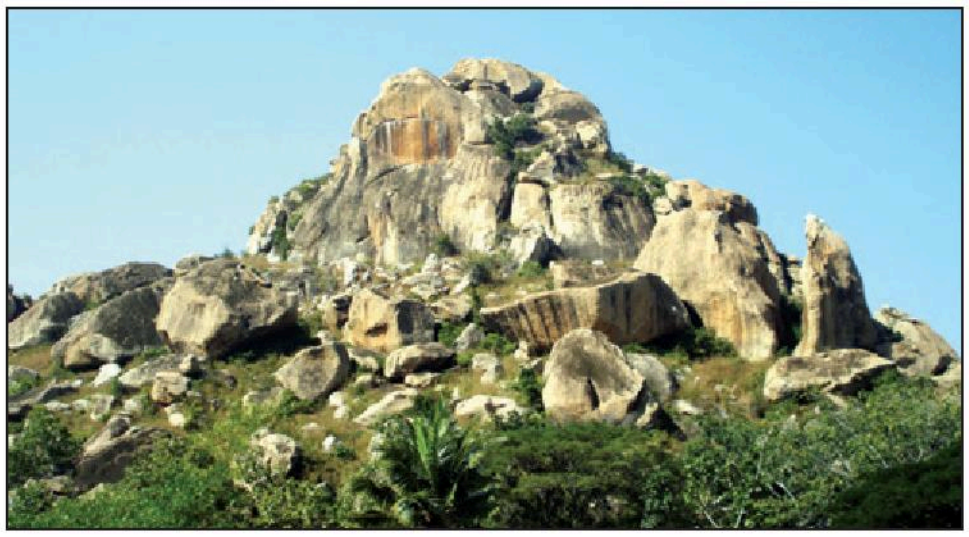
As the tip of the peak is in the shape of an egg, the peak is known as Nishani Motte (Motte meaning egg in Kannada). The trek difficulty level is moderate but the misty trek uphill will be a sight that one would cherish. The summit view has several hill caps and lands covered with mist. Experience wilderness in its rawest form in this trek.



How to REACH

From Mysuru, catch a bus to Bhagamandala which will take about 4 hours (around 150 kms); obtain trek permits from the Forest office at Bhagamandala. From there, hire a jeep and reach the base camp (Talacauvery) of the trek.

KUNTI BETTA



With just about 30 kilometres away from Mysuru, Kunti Betta is the nearest trekking spot that Mysureans can afford to go to find an escape route from their mundane mechanical city life. Kunti Betta is a scenic hill situated in Pandavapura Taluk of Mandya District.

The difficulty level of this trek is very easy. The altitude is about 2,800 feet and the trekking distance is about 7 kilometres. This trek is a rock terrain having inclinations and pathways. Backpackers will love this short trek and night trekking gives an overall different experience with stars above the heads and a nature to admire by.

Kunti Betta is formed by two rocky hills that are surrounded by paddy and sugarcane fields. Between the two hills, a temple and a pond are situated. Many adventure enthusiasts come here to do rock climbing and rappelling too. Locals believe the Pandavas and Kunti lived in this area during their exile. Thonnur Lake is about 4 to 5 kilometres away from the base camp.

How to REACH

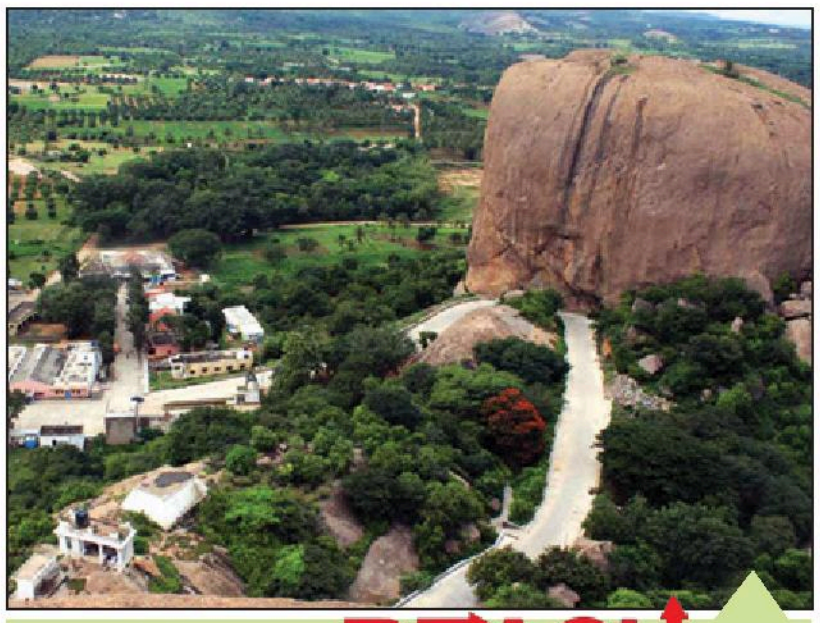
Catch a bus from Mysuru and reach Srirangapatna and then board a local transport to Pandavapura. From there hire an auto and reach the base of Kunti Betta. If you are catching a train, get down at the Pandavapura station. On the other hand, if you love bike rides, an early morning ride from Mysuru will add more zeal to your adventurous day. Long ride, followed by a short trek!

RAMANAGARAM

Ramanagaram is one of the famous trekking places near Bengaluru. It is also referred to as Ramadevara Betta. The elevation of the hills is about 3,000 feet and it includes rock climbing too. It is a rugged trek, filled with paths of rocks and boulders which call for a different kind of adventurous experience.

More than half of the trek involves climbing steps carved in the rocks. After climbing about 400 steps, one would reach the temple. A diversion near the left side of the temple, leads you to the peak of the hill from where you get to see the panoramic view.

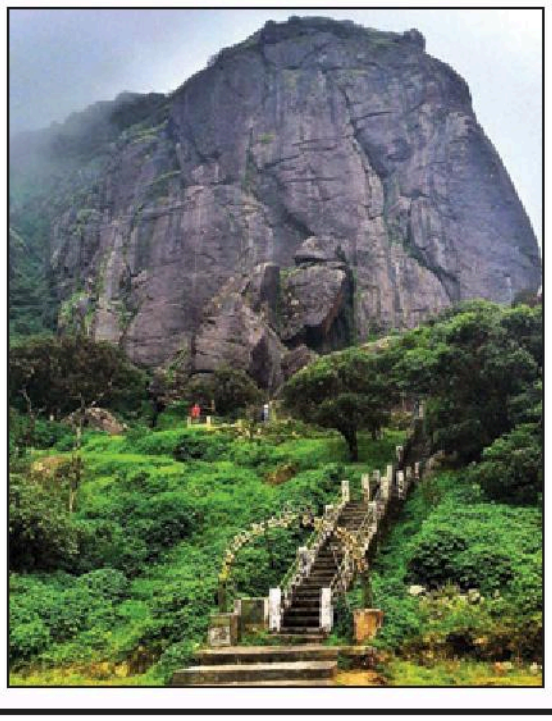
It is in these hills, that the Classic Bollywood Movie 'Sholay' was shot. The difficulty level of the trek is moderate. This hill also is a habitat for many rare species of birds like the Long-Billed Vulture and Yellow-Throated Bulbul and will be a treat for any bird lover. Overnight camping, chimney climbing and rappelling activities are also done here.



How to REACH

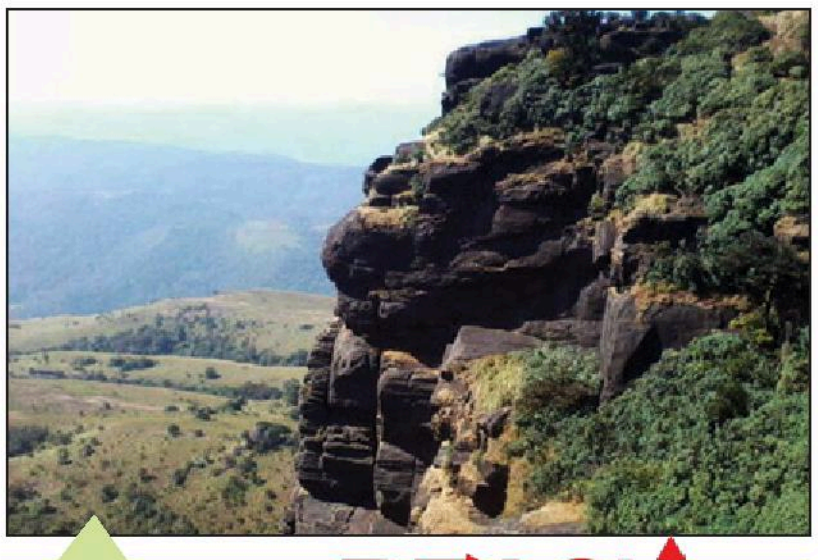
Ramanagaram is about 95 kilometres from Mysuru. One can catch a train or a bus from Mysuru and reach Ramanagaram. From there they can hire an auto or a cab and reach the hill which will take about 5 to 10 minutes.

KOTTE BETTA



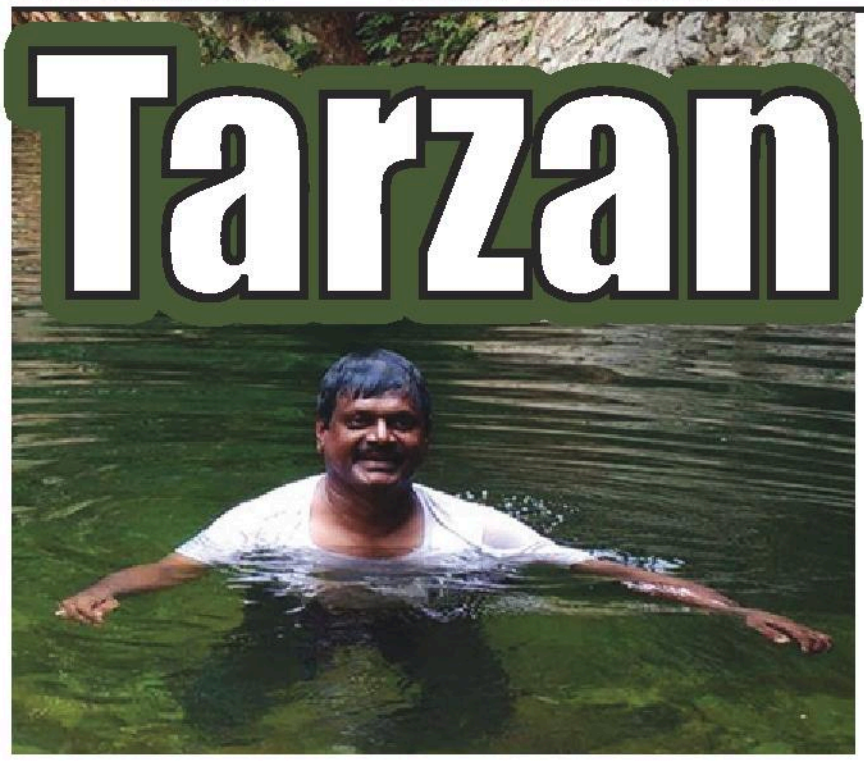
Kodagu, generally known as the Scotland of India, is an adventurer's paradise. The Kotte Betta is also situated in Kodagu at Hattihole. The altitude of the peak is about 5,400 feet. The name Kotte refers to Fort. The trail has several coffee farms along its path and small houses and cottages. Several birdwatchers come here to identify and look at the species of birds that this hill houses.

Once you are on the top, you can see the miniature Somwarpet and Harangi Dam. Elephant herds often pass through the trail. Deer, Sambars, Gaurs and Wild Dogs can also be spotted in the forest. The difficulty level is moderate and it is advisable to have a trekking guide along with you. The trek is 14 kilometres and people often tend to lose their way.



How to REACH

It would be best to catch a bus from Mysuru and reach Madikeri. From there, you can hire a private cab or an auto and reach Hattihole. You can hire a jeep or continue in your cab and reach the Shiva Temple in Kotte Betta. From there, the journey begins on foot.



Tarzan of Nagalapuram

Intense heat, a few awe-inspiring experiences, and rocky (sometimes slippery terrain) a whole load of sweat and finally a splash in cool waters — this can summarise a trekker's journey to Nagalapuram. It is by no means a casual walk amidst woods, but adventure at every step. Nagalapuram trek is one of the most popular treks in South India. The place, Nagalapuram, also known as Saddhi Koodu Madugu, is located near Arai village in Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh.

Among many organisations that conduct regular treks to Nagalapuram is the Chennai Trekking Club. Radhakrishna Murthy **of the Club was in Mysuru recently to speak on 'Adventures in Nagalapuram Range of Eastern Ghats' at Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH). The event was organised under the joint aegis of People Tree and RMNH.**

Fifty-six-year-old Radhakrishna Murthy has so far done over 75 treks and is well-known among the Nagalapuram trekkers as 'Tarzan of Nagalapuram.' *Star of Mysore* **caught up with Radhakrishna Murthy for a brief chat.** Excerpts...

By B.N. Ramya

SOM: How did this passion for trekking start in your life?

Radhakrishna Murthy (RKM): My father used to take us to the hills for trekking when I was in 6th Standard. I was fascinated by rocks, mesmerised by the size of the hills and rejuvenated by fresh water streams.That's what ignited my passion.

SOM: So till now how many treks have you done? Which trek was the most fascinating one? The toughest and the most memorable one?

RKM: I have done more than 75 treks so far. I have trekked in the Himalayas, Sikkim, Goa, Western Ghats and Eastern Ghats. My night trek in Sikkim near China border called Yumthang is memorable because I felt fear for the first time there. My rock climbing in Nainital was the most risky thing that I did. My solo climb without ropes and harness would have resulted in a fall of 20 feet. Fortunately, my instructor saved me in the nick of time. My recent exploratory trek in Nagalapuram was the most toughest that I have done.

SOM: You spoke about Nagalapuram at RMNH. Why Nagalapuram out of over 75 treks?

RKM: Because Nagalapuram is home turf for Chennai Trekking Club. No matter how many times we trek there, we never seem to be having enough of it. The terrain is one of the most interesting with a variety of trails, waterfalls, deep streams, steep climbs, lofty peaks and thick forests.

SOM: How often you plan a trek and any unplanned adventures?

RKM: We plan to go for treks once in two months. We avoid unplanned adventures as that could be risky and might put everyone in danger.

SOM: Tell us about the Chennai Trekking Club. Its birth and your association with it.

RKM: Chennai Trekking Club was founded by Peter Van Geit and a few close friends of his. Peter Van Geit is a network engineer at CISCO, Chennai. He is now a much more a Chennaite than anyone of us. Chennai Trekking Club was started in February 2008 and I joined it during the middle of 2009.

I read an article in a national newspaper and sent them a mail. Registration is free. There are about 60,000 members registered in the Club which has now diversified into various activities such as fitness, blood donation, and biking, swimming, planting trees, organic farming, volunteering during disasters, outdoor camping, etc.

SOM: Chennai Trekking Club was involved in clean-up process following oil spill in the sea during January 2017. Tell us about that.

RKM: On January 28, 2017, two cargo ships collided off the Ennore Coast in Chennai causing oil to spill into the sea. Following that, Club volunteers helped in the clean-up process by collecting the crude into drums using gunny cloth. They also saved many birds by removing the crude stuck onto their bodies. However, I couldn't be part of it as I was preoccupied.

SOM: Trekkers and environmental conservation. How do you relate?

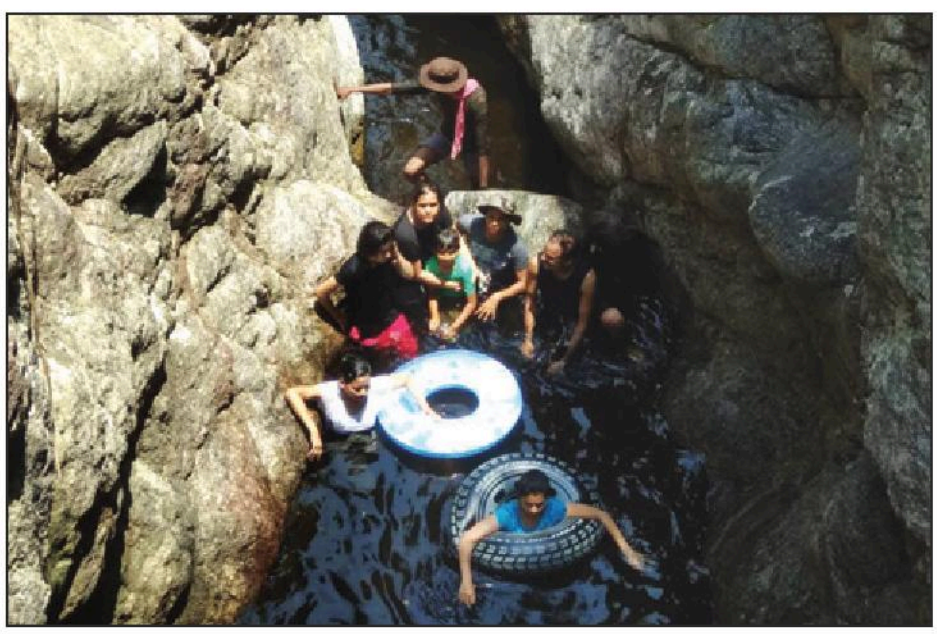
RKM: Trekkers get to see and appreciate nature at the grassroots level. They understand the importance of natural resources and respect nature. They understand that it is important to keep green cover, protect the hills, and respect life no matter how small it may be since everything — living and non-living — is integrated and complement each other to maintain the natural balance that can sustain life. Trekking helps us be less materialistic and teaches us to be more natural in living. It teaches us to respect and appreciate nature. It helps us understand that it is crucial for us to conserve natural resources.

SOM: Your tips for someone who would want to start a trek.

RKM: Nature lovers, who are fit and love walking and love mountains, will make excellent trekkers.

SOM: So how do you keep yourself fit at this age?

RKM: My frequent trekking is the only fitness regime I get. My passion is what helps keep going.



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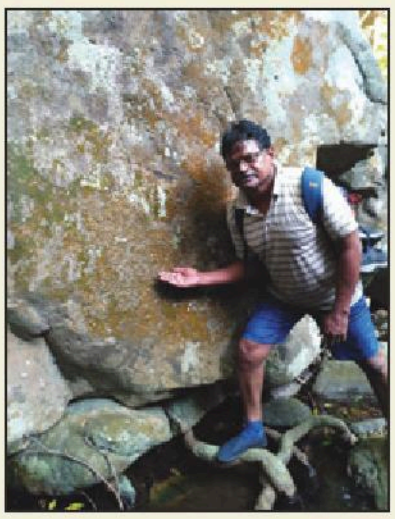


"In an obscure place with no human inhabitation at all or any sort of temple structure, this engraving is done on the rock. Does it indicate a secret spot associated with a local legend? Or is it a marker for something hidden there? Could be anything."

Radhakrishna Murthy spotted this engraving in the north eastern entry of Nagalapuram about four kilometres into the jungle.

Seminar on eradication

of untouchability concludes today

Mysuru, Feb.24 (RKB&DM)- A two-day seminar on 'Eradication of untouchability: Social responsibilities,' jointly organised by the District Administration and Social Welfare Department, at Kalamandira here, will conclude today.

Speaking after inaugurating the seminar yesterday, Senior Civil Judge Mohammad Muzirulla, who is also the Member-Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), regretted that we were still talking of untouchability ever after seven decades of independence.

Referring to the recent practice of politicians resorting to 'Village Stays' and 'Dalit Home Stays,' Judge Muzirulla said that the time has come for the hosts of these stays, to question politicians on their alleged corrupt practices and cheating.

Pointing out that the hosts of such stays should ask politicians not to come alone but bring their entire family along with them, he said that the hosts should also take an oath from politicians they would not indulge in corrupt practices and also not lie or cheat.

Touching upon atrocity cases, he regretted that there was only three percent conviction in atrocity cases. Underlining the need for making atrocity cases much stronger by presenting real facts, he warned of the dangers of false evidence in such cases. He further said that atrocity cases must not be misused.

Earlier floral tributes were offered to the portraits of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) D. Randeep, former Mayor Purushottam, Social Welfare Department Joint Director B.S. Prabha, ASP N. Rudramuni and other officials were present.

The two-day seminar featured lecture sessions by scholars and was attended by research students and representatives of various associations and organisations.

'Use machines while cleaning manhole'

Natl. Safai Karmachari Commission Chief tells Pourakarmikas

National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Chairman Manhar Valjibhai Zala and Member Jagadish Hiremani, who were felicitated during a meeting at MCC Hall in city on Thursday.

Mysuru, Feb.24 (MTY&DM)- National Commission for Safai Karmacharis Chairman Manhar Valjibhai Zala has asked the Pourakarmikas to compulsorily use machines and other equipment while cleaning manholes.

Zala held separate meetings with Pourakarmika leaders and officials from various Departments at the MCC Hall here on Thursday.

Speaking at the meeting with officials, Zala said that the Union Government has asked the Commission to conduct re-survey on manual scavenging in six districts of Karnataka, of which Mysuru is one. Pointing out that the Centre has ordered a resurvey as there were complaints of manual scavenging, he said that use of machines in cleaning manholes was mandatory. Emphasising on the need for training Pourakarmikas in operating jetting and sucking machines that are used for cleaning manholes, he said that a couple of Pourakarmikas have died in the past 10 years while cleaning manholes.

Zala directed the authorities to pay Rs.10 lakh as compensation to the family of each of the Pourakarmikas who have died while cleaning manholes and also to fill up vacant Pourakarmika posts in the MCC and other local bodies of the district.

Continuing, he said that he found many Pourakarmikas working without gloves and boots. As such, the MCC authorities should ensure that every Pourakarmika is issued quality gloves, boots and other safety equipment.

Highlighting the need for sensitising the officials on Manual Scavenging (Eradication) Act, he asked the senior officials to organise workshops on the Act.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha said that the MCC was using only machines for cleaning of manholes and no Pourakarmika is engaged for manual scavenging. Jagadeesha also maintained that there were no manual scavenging deaths in city.

Former State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Narayan said that the Siddharamaiah Government has completely banned manual scavenging.

Detailing the benefits doled out by the State Government for Pourakarmikas, he observed that all States must put an end to the practise of contract labour and ensure that the services of all Pourakarmikas are regularised.

Pourakarmika leader Manchaiah demanded setting up of exclusive schools and hospitals for Pourakarmikas.

Former Mayor Purushottam, while stating that there was no need for exclusive schools, stressed on the need for inclusivity of Pourakarmika children in both Government and private schools.

Pourakarmika Sangha President N. Maara demanded declaration of UGD workers as Pourakarmikas, one month salary as bonus as a reward for Mysuru city bagging 'cleanest city' tag for two successive years, construction of bathing complex in localities and building of Kalyana Mantap for Pourakarmikas.

Zala and the Commission Member Jagadish Hiremani were felicitated on the occasion.

Mayor Bhagyavathi, Commission Advisors Mahendra Prasad and Pooran Singh, MCC Health Officer Dr. M. Ramachandra and Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, DHO Dr. B. Basavaraj, Ambedkar Development Corporation Official Bharathi, Social Welfare Officer B.S. Prabha Urs, Corporators K.T. Cheluvegowda, SBM Manju, Ramu and Shivanna were present.

AIDYO launches one crore signature campaign on unemployment issue

Mysuru, Feb.24 (RKB&US)- 'Every year the number of unemployed people is going up drastically in the State with none of the Governments taking proper steps and only giving false assurances during election time,' alleged M. Umadevi, State President, All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO).

She was speaking after launching a one crore signature campaign on a list of demands which included filling of vacant posts naming employment as a fundamental right, cancellation of contract system and unemployment allowance.

Umadevi regretted that vacant posts in Government were not being filled up despite huge unemployment. She contended that the signature campaign was aimed to draw the attention of the Union Government.

She alleged that political parties were giving false assurances on employment just to lure the voters. She regretted that lakhs of educated youth were left unemployed.

AIDYO District President Harish, Secretary Sunil and others were present.

Pratishtana congratulates

Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara

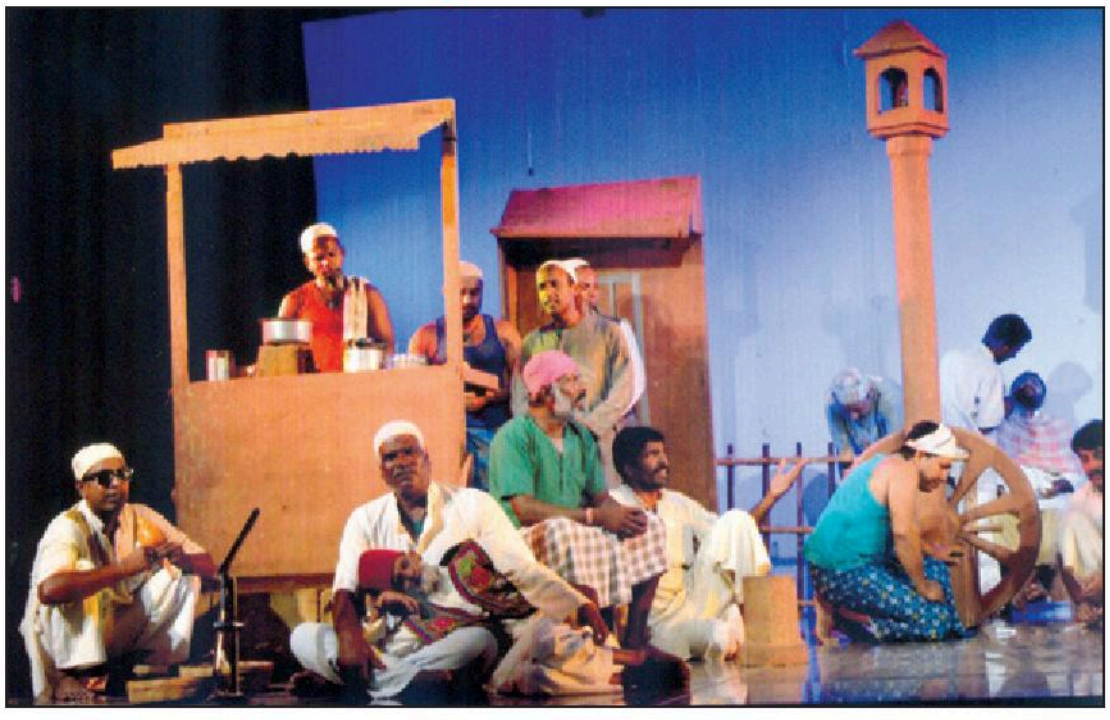
Kambara

Mysuru, Feb.24 (US)- Mandya Mane M. Lakshmipathy Acharya Pratishtana President M.L. Ramesh has congratulated senior littérateur Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara on his selection as Kendra Sahitya Academy Chairman.

Ramesh hailed Kambara as the third person from Karnataka to occupy the coveted literary post at the Centre.

Ramesh has commended the contributions of Kambara as a Professor, Janapada Academy Chairman, Director of National School of Drama and first VC of Hampi Kannada University.

Prison inmates to perform at Intl. Theatre Fest



As part of the ongoing International Theatre Olympic, the Mysuru Central Jail inmates will be staging Jayanth Kaikini's play 'Jategiruvanu Chandira,' under the aegis of Sankalpa and Department of Prisons, at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru tomorrow (Feb.25). This is the first time that the prison inmates are performing at an International platform. Picture shows a scene from the play.

JSS University, Mysore is now
JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru

Mysuru, Feb.24- The JSS University, Mysore, will henceforth be called as **"JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru."** This was disclosed by JSS Academy Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh and JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath at a press meet here yesterday.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Government of India, on the advice of UGC in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956, has notified the change in the name of the Deemed to be University from "Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara (JSS) University," Mysore, to **"JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru"** and continuing to be a Deemed to be University with the powers.

JSS Academy is accredited by NAAC with Grade A and ranked 35th (2016) and 45th (2017) among the Universities in the country by NIRF, Government of India and ranked first among young Universities in Karnataka by KSURF.

Moving beyond horizon, JSS Academy has made a stand in International rating, QS Quacquarelli Symonds Limited has rated JSS Academy for Excellence with 4 stars, making it the first University in Karnataka and third in the country to achieve this distinction. The Pharma D. programme of JSS Academy has been granted with International Certification by Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), USA, and becomes the first among the Universities in the Asia Pacific region.

The Karnataka Vision Group of Science & Technology and FIST, DST has recognised JSS Medical College Mysuru as Centre of excellence in Molecular Biology & Regenerative Medicine. The Clinical Development Services Agency (CDSA), Department of Biotechnology, Government of India has recognised JSS Academy as Centre of Excellence for carrying out clinical trials at Centre for Clinical Excellence Research (CCRE), JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research.

The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission has recognised JSS Academy as regional co-ordinating centre for Pharmacovigilance Program of India (PvPI). WHO International Drug Monitoring Programme located at Uppsala, Sweden has partnered with JSS Academy to establish a strategic framework for collaboration to conduct training programmes for capacity building in Pharmacovigilance for the Asia-Pacific region.

WHO Global Vaccine Safety Initiative program has partnered with JSS Medical College Hospital to promote quality and safe use of vaccines. JSS Hospital is identified by WHO as a sentinel site for multi country vaccine safety studies. TIFAC Centre of Relevance and Excellence (CORE) in Herbal Drugs sanctioned by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

JSS Academy has been able to achieve the above noteworthy milestones due to the visionary leadership and patronage given by Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, the Chancellor of JSS Academy and efficient administration of Dr.B.Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS Academy, they said.

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SCHEDULE

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Heritage Committee opposes demolition of Lansdowne Building, Devaraja Market

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RK&BCT)- The Government-constituted Heritage Committee has opposed the demolition of Lansdowne Building and the Devaraja Market. Instead, it will recommend the end-to-end restoration of both the structures so that they can last for another 50 years or so.

Interestingly, the Task Force constituted to ascertain the lifespan and feasibility of the conservation of the structures has recommended the demolition of the structures as they are dilapidated and pose a risk for human life and limb.

The Task Force had recommended the demolition and reconstruction of Lansdowne Building and the Devaraja Market, maintaining the original façade. This recommendation was placed before the Heritage Committee meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office recently where the Committee members opposed the demolition and opined that the heritage structures could be conserved.

The Task Force was constituted following the collapse of the Lansdowne Building in August 2012 in which four persons died while a portion of Devaraja Market came crashing down in 2016. *[See pics]*

Following stiff opposition to the demolition, the meeting decided that the Heritage Committee members must visit both the sites along with senior engineers from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and submit a report to the Deputy Commissioner, who is the Chairman of the Committee.

Accordingly, the team comprising Maj. Gen. (retd.) Sudhir G. Vombatkere, N.R. Ashok, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, and some engineers from the MCC visited the structures on Feb. 22.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Vombatkere said that the constitution of the Task Force itself was faulty as it lacked members from the Heritage Committee. "Our names were just included in the Task Force and we were not consulted. Surprisingly, the Task Force communication said that we (Heritage Committee) have agreed for the demolition of Lansdowne Building and the Devaraja Market which is not true. It is complete falsehood," he said. "Moreover, we are the members of a Government-constituted Committee and not the members of a private body," he added.

"Seven years ago, we had told the MCC to restore the two heritage structures. Unfortunately, it deliberately ignored our pleas. Take for example centuries-old Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion inside Manasagangothri and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's Bungalow near Fire Brigade, Saraswathipuram. These buildings have been restored and have gained their past glory," he added.

Reacting to the developments, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep said that the Task Force had recommended demolition and the process was underway. "The Task Force has studied the structure in detail and has recommended demolition. Accordingly, we have submitted a proposal to the government. The funding for demolition and reconstruction has been approved including the planning and nature of construction. We are prepared for the demolition and we will decide in the next meeting of the Heritage Committee," he said.

"The Task Force demolition proposal was recently placed before the Heritage Committee as a formality. The Committee must submit a report to the Chairman," he said expressing his reservations about the Committee going to the media.

Short circuit destroys house, furniture in Kodagu

Wooden furniture worth over Rs. 40 lakh was gutted in a short circuit at a house in Srimangala village in South Kodagu. The incident occurred two days back at the house of Ajjamada Pushpa where the wooden ceiling, staircase and the furniture of the house were destroyed. Family members said that valuables including gold, silver electronic items too were destroyed. Though fire engines were pressed into service from Gonikoppal, the house was rendered unfit for dwelling by the inferno. Virajpet Tahsildar Govindaraju visited the house and a case has been registered at Srimangala Police Station.

Second PU exams from March 1 to 17

DC chairs preparatory meeting

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (RKB&US)- In the context of second PU examinations to be held from Mar.1 to 17, a meeting of Chief Superintendents of Examination Centres was held on Feb.21 at the DC's office here to review the preparations for conducting the examination.

Chairing the meeting, DC D. Randeep asked the officers of Department of PU Education to conduct the examination in a transparent way giving no room for any confusion or irregularity.

He recalled that the second PU exams were held smoothly last time and asked the officials to religiously follow the examination guide rules. He asked the Chief Superintendents to ensure that no complaints are received.

DDPUE Dr. Dayanand provided the details of Exam Centres and responsibility of Chief Superintendents.

Tahsildars, BEOs, Principals of PU Colleges and Police officials participated in the meeting.

This time exam will be held only in the mornings. Vehicles carrying question papers to exam centres will be fitted with GPS to track the movement.

SALIENT FEATURES

Total Exam Centres: 50 [Mysuru-26, K.R. Nagar-3, Hunsur-4, Periyapatna - 4, T. Narasipur - 6, Nanjangud - 4, H.D. Kote - 3].

Total number of students to write the exam: 37,205 [New - 28,961, Repeaters - 6,344, Private - 1,900].

The question papers will be carried from the District Treasury by a 10-member- team which include Tahsildar, BEO and Principals.

Sensitive Exam Centres: Government Boys PU Colleges in K.R. Nagar and Nanjangud.

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
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The Karnataka police academy Mysuru desires to obtained RO water purifier plant & Furniture's for providing basic facilities to the trainee probationers and police officers.
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F.No.162/Pr. CIT/MYS/2017-18 Dated: 23.02.2018
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MP Pratap Simha inspects grade separator work on Hunsur Road

Road likely to be closed for three months for laying concrete blocks

Mysuru, Feb.24 (MTY&NNN)- MP Pratap Simha inspected the ongoing works on grade separator on Hunsur Road near Hinkal junction, this morning and asked the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), which has taken up the construction with an estimated cost of Rs.19.8 crore under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM), to speed up the work.

The concrete blocks have to be placed underneath the overpass and it needs a lot of curing. Hence, the road has to be blocked for at least three months, informed MUDA Executive Engineer (EE) R.K. Raju to Pratap Simha.

Hearing this, Simha told the EE that it would be very difficult to keep the road closed for three months and hence, an alternative route has to be found to divert the traffic. The work which was to be completed by Dec.17 is now likely to be completed only in June this year as the MUDA has demanded an extension to finish the work.

The works began on April 27, 2016 and over 57.48 percent of the works have been completed. The total length of the grade separator, including the ramp on both sides, is 510 metres. The width of the flyover is 17.20 metre and the estimated cost was Rs.15.18 crore. The approved tender amount was Rs.19.83 crore. While Centre shares 60 percent of the cost of the project, the remaining 40 percent is shared between the State Government and MUDA.

The width of the main carriageway is 7.50 metres, the width of service roads on either side is six metres and the footpaths are 2 metres wide. The central median width is 1.20 metres and the flyover will have four lanes. The number of piers is four and number of pile group is two.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Pratap Simha said that the work on the 42 km stretch of Ring Road was completed with the Rs.156 crore sanctioned by the present government at the Centre and after the completion of the work, was handed over to the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for maintenance. "Modi government was responsible in extending the JnNURM project by three years as the term of the project had expired. There is an increase in vehicular traffic on this stretch and we are even planning to widen it to six lanes from the existing four lane planned," he said.

He said the population of Mysuru stands at 11.50 lakh today and it is likely to go up to 13.50 to 14 lakh by the year 2020.

Pratap Simha also visited Second Stage Vijayanagar where the work on the water tank with a 1.80 crore litres storage capacity is going on. 12 works under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) scheme worth Rs.156 crore is going on in the city.

The other works going on include Melapura Drinking water scheme worth Rs.57.65 crore, Hongalli Second Stage drinking water scheme worth Rs.2.99 crore, Hongalli 3rd Stage water supply scheme worth Rs.51.01 crore and Belagola water supply scheme worth Rs. 1.90 crore.

The 26 MLD water storage and the repair for the old four MG and six MG tanks under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) worth Rs.25.80 crore is also going on, he said.

Panache's designer expo begins

The Spring-Summer 2018 Fashion Trends, a designer expo organised by Panache at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road, began this morning. Seen in the picture are (from left) Saira from Madras Maharani - Chennai, Organiser Misba Umrean, Simran from Mumbai, Organiser Nishat Mohsin and Reena from Reins - Indore. The expo will be open from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm today and tomorrow.

Hunsur Road straightening shelved

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Executive Engineer of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Shivaram said that no more trees will be felled on the stretch. "Apart from widening, the road from Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) will be asphalted till Hinkal Junction and the footpaths will be refurbished with interlocking tiles," he said.

"We will maintain the heritage ambience of the road and compound walls on both sides of the road will be retained as-is. Asphalting works of the road has already begun," Shivaram added.

He said that the Rs. 12 crore sanctioned for the project will be utilised to asphalt and widen this stretch.

VICTORY FOR PEOPLE

When contacted, former MGP President and noted environmental activist Maj. Gen. (Retd) S.G. Vombatkere said that it is a victory of people. "Several people, organisations and voluntary groups joined hands to oppose this illogical project. They have succeeded in saving their own city and it is their victory," he observed.

MGP MEETING

Asked about the revised proposal to widen the road up to 200 metres, Vombatkere revealed that the authorities had sent them the revised proposal. "The MGP is meeting today evening and we are yet to take a call on the revised proposal. We will examine the pros and cons in detail and then take a decision," he added.

Upa Lokayukta visits Hill Temple

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The complainants had told the Upa Lokayukta that many unauthorised persons were allowed to enter the sanctum sanctorum of the temple. Delving deep into the complaints and how the temple was being managed, Justice Subhash Adi told the temple management that as per the Agama Shastra, the temple must be open between 4 am and 5 am.

Directing the temple Executive Officer Prasad to ensure that water from Devikere is supplied by the persons who are supposed to do it, he warned of legal action if rules are violated. "The temple is famous and lakhs of devotees visit. The priests and the temple administration have to maintain the sanctity of the temple and violations will not be tolerated," he said.

Government employees to get pay hike from Apr.1

Bengaluru, Feb.24 (KMS& DM)- With Assembly polls round the corner, CM Siddharamaiah announced in the Assembly yesterday that the pay revision for Government employees will come into effect from April 1. Replying to a debate on the State Budget in the Assembly, the CM said that the 6th Pay Commission has recommended a 30 percent hike in wages and he would take a decision on the recommendations in the next Cabinet meeting.

Maintaining that he had fulfilled the promise made in the Budget by effecting pay hike, the CM said that the pay hike would cause an additional burden of Rs.10,550 crore.

Listing out his Govt's achievements over the past five years, he said that the Government has come to the rescue of farmers through loan waiver up to Rs. 50,000. Claiming that the State's finances were good, he said that the State Government had done remarkably well despite years of successive drought.

Asserting that his Government had fulfilled all the promises, Siddharamaiah expressed confidence that the Congress would retain power in the State.

FDP on Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence from Mar. 5

Mysuru, Feb. 24 (KS) - The Department of Information Science and Engineering, GSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) on KRS Road in city, has organised a three-day National-level Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'A Practical Approach towards Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence' at its premises from Mar. 5 to 7.

The FDP provides a platform for faculties to update and strengthen themselves in the area of Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence with Python.Technical Speakers during the three-day FDP will be from IT giants like WIPRO and Accenture. Last date for registration is Feb. 28. For details log on to *www.gsssise.wix.com/ai2018* or call Mob: 94820-88606 or 96200-01132 or email: *aifdp2018@gmail.com*.

KRS Water Level

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Today	90.03 ft
Yesterday	90.02 ft
Inflow	164 cusecs
Outflow	310 cusecs
Last year on this date	78.26 ft

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Rankal Raate	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Satyadev IPS	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Rangbirangi	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Ganda Oorig Hodaga	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Welcome to New York	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Lovers Club	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kalakalappu-2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Black Panther	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Kaly (Ma)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Rangbirangi (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Pad Man (H)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Welcome To New York (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Tagaru (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.00, 9.45 pm

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Tagaru (K)
(S-2) 10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
(S-3) 9.45 am, 9.05 pm

Black Panther (E-3D)
(S-1) 9.45 am, 12.30 pm 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm

Padmaavat (H-3D)
(S-1) 3.30 pm

Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)
(S-3) 3.05 pm
(S-4) 10.15 am, 6.40 pm 9.40 pm

Welcome to New York (H)
(S-3) 12.25 pm

Rangbirangi (K)
(S-4) 1.10 pm

Rankal Raate (K)
(S-4) 4.15 pm

Pad Man (H)
(S-3) 6.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.24)

Surabhi Ganakala Mandira: 31st Sri Tyagaraja - Purandara Aradhana, Singing of 'Purandara Navarathna,' group rendering of compositions on 'Sri Rama,' **3 pm;** Grand music concert by Vid. Ramakrishnan Murthy (Chennai) and party, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**

Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy and ACPI-KSPOR: Inauguration of '10th National Conference on P4' by Pharmacy Council of India Vice-President Dr. Shailendra Saraf, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President B.S. Parthasarathy and KSPOR-Manipal President Dr. N. Udupa chief guests, Principal Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, **4 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling by Vid.Ramakrishna Sabhahitha, Sanskrit Teacher, Govt. Girls PU College, N'gud, Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten and Nursery Teacher Training Institute: Graduation Day, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, **4.30 pm.**

Raaga Vaibhava: Grand Hindustani Classical Vocal Recital by Pt. M. Venkatesh Kumar, accompanied by Pt. Gurumurthy Vydya on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha Series-244, talk on 'Basava Samvidhana-Bharata Samvidhana' by Dr. S. Shivarajappa, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha Mysuru District Unit President H.V. Basavaraju Hinkal presides, JSS Layout 2nd Stage **6 pm.**

The NEST: The NEST Fest-2018, MP C.S. Puttaraju, MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar, SP Ravi D. Channannavar, Corporator Mahadevappa, former UoM VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, MCDCC Bank Director G.D. Harish Gowda, former MUDA Chairman L. Nagendra, Circle Inspector of Police C.V. Ravi and Bigg Boss Contestant Niveditha Gowda chief guests, Vijayanagar Football Ground, near K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**

Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018

Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru and Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru: Kadamba Ranga Deevatige-2018, a State-level Theatre Festival, staging of play 'Sarga' by Side Wing, Bengaluru, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.25)

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri: Anniversary celebrations, Bhaktha Samelana, Swami Anupamanandaji delivers a lecture on 'Sri Sharadadevi mathu Paripoorna Adyathmika jeevana' and Swami Athmashradhanandaji on 'Sister Nivedita: Her dedication and ideas on India and Education,' **9 am to 1 pm;** Felicitation programme, Ashrama auditorium, Yadavagiri, **5.30 pm to 6.45 pm.**

Surabhi Ganakala Mandira: 31st Sri Tyagaraja - Purandara Aradhana, Rendering of Tyagaraja krithis by the senior students of 'Surabhi,' Goshti Gayana of Pancharatna Krithis by Vidwans and Vidushis of Mysuru, **9.30 am;** Conferring of the title 'Gaana Surabhi' on veteran musician of Mattoor (Shivamogga), Veena recital by Ganakala Bhushana Vidwan T. Gopal, Vidushi Mysore S. Rajalakshmi, **11 am;** Mangalarathi and Mahaprasadam, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **1.30 pm.**

Karnataka Lalitakala Academy: Solo Art Show (Theme: My Journey), Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 5.30 pm.**

Bandavya Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana: Bhandavya Award Presentation, District. Co-op. Union President H.V. Rajeev inaugurates, social worker K. Raghuram presides, adventure sports trainer Dr. Srisha Bhat presents awards, Namana Kala Mantapa, behind Ganapati Temple, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**

Panache: Expo of spring-summer 2018 fashion trends, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

Fusion Kookery Events: Mysuru Food Festival (Season-1), Wind Chimes Hotel, Nazarbad, **10.30 am and 9 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: 'Sahitya Chavadi Samvada,' Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Karnataka Buddha Dhamma Samiti, Mysuru: 'Hosa Ale,' a cultural convention, Buddha-Baba Saheb Geeta Gayana, Pujya Bikku Manorakkhita Bhanteji graces the occasion, MP R. Dhruvanarayan inaugurates, D. Sanjeevaiah Memorial Educational Institution and UoM Syndicate Member Prof. D. Nanjundaiah presides, Dhyana Mandira, D. Sanjeevaiah Memorial Educational Institution premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**

Kayaka Creations Vishwapatha Monthly: Inauguration of new office building and book release, Dr. S. Srikanth of DEED institute inaugurates, #6, 2nd Floor, Allamaprabhu Complex, Veerashaiva Anathalaya, 5th Cross, Ramanuja Road, **11.30 am.**

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